State		Name of Project	Name of Distt.	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
	30	Thadiyankudisai (Spice Circuit)	Dindigul	2005-06	10.00	08.00
17. Tripura	31	Kamlasagar,	West Tripura	2004-05	20.00	16.00
18. Uttaranchal	32	Jageshwar,	Almora	2005-06	20.00	16.00
	33	Mana	Chamoli	2004-05	20.00	16.00
19. Uttar Pradesh	34	Bhaguwala	Saharanpur	2004-05	19.75	15.50
20. West Bengal	35	Ballabhpur Danga,	Birbhum	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	36	Mukutmonipur	Bankura	2004-05	20.00	16.00
		Total			679.02	544.51

National tourism promotion board

2698. SHRI SHAHID SIDDIQUI:
SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a National Tourism Promotion Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) There has been a demand from various quarters to set up a National Tourism Promotion Board. However, tourism being an amalgam of various activities like accommodation, food & beverages, entertainment services, transportation (railways, roadways, civil aviation, waterways), taxes, travel agencies, etc., which fall within the jurisdiction of different Ministries or State Governments, pros & cons of setting up of a "Board" *vis-a-vis* the existing system need detailed examination.

Chilka region as a tourist spot

2699. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make Chilka region of Orissa a modern tourist hot-spot to boost tourism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the State Government propose to develop the required infrastructure for the purpose; and

(d) if so, what is the action plan of the Centre to help this backward State both financially and physically to achieve the objective?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (c) Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments/UT Administrations. The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UT Administrations for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation and interaction with them under schemes for Integrated Development of Tourists Circuits, Product/Infrastructure Development of Destinations and Assistance to Large Revenue Generating Projects. Project proposals for prioritized projects that are complete in all respect are examined under scheme guidelines and approved on the basis of *inter-se* priority and funds released subject to availability under respective head.

An amount of Rs. 389.05 lakh has been sanctioned for Development of Chilka Lake in Distt. Puri and Ganjam as Tourist Destination in the year 2005-06.

(d) Ministry of Tourism, Govt. of India had prepared a 20-year Perspective Tourism Plan for the State of Orissa in the year 2003 and sent to the State Government for their persual and use. It contained the following recommendations:

(i) SWOT analysis, tourist forecasts, etc.

(ii) Suggested strategies for tourism promotion, product development, augmentation of infrastructure and employment potential.

(iii) Environmental Management Plan, Investment Plan and sources of funding.

(iv) Direct and indirect economic benefits from the Plan.

(v) Implementation Plan containing priority projects, institutional mechanism, modes of private participation and marketing strategies.

A Statement showing details of projects sanctioned during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06 for the State of Orissa is enclosed as statement.

Statement

Details of projects sanctioned to the State of Orissa during the years 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06

(Rs. in lakh)

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned
	2003-04	
1.	Konark Festival	5.00
2.	Development of Puri as a Tourist destination	394.55
3.	Rajrani Music Festival	5.00
4.	Buddha Mahotsav	10.00
5.	Folk Dance Festivals	5.00
	TOTAL	419.55
	2004-05	
1.	Development of Peace Park and Amphitheater at Dhauli (Distt. Khurda)	488.51
2.	Integrated Development of Buddhist Circuit in Orissa Development of facilities at Lalitgiri, Ratnagiri Udaigiri and Langudi under Tourist Circuit	740.67
3.	Shreekshetra Vasant Festival at Puri	15.00
4.	Kharvela Festival, 2004-05	5.00
5.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at Village Pipli in Puri Distt.	20.00
6.	GOI-UNDP Endogenous Tourism Project at Village Raghurajpur in Puri Distt.	20.00
7.	Development of Village Pipli in Puri Distt.	50.00
	TOTAL	1339.18

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Amount sanctioned
	2005-06	
1.	Development of Gopalpur-on-Sea (Distt. Ganjam)	331.43
2.	Develpment of Saksi Gopal (Distt. Puri)	294.04
3.	Development of Taptapani in Distt. Ganjam as Tourist Destination	500.00
4.	Development of Chilka Lake in Distt. Puri and Ganjam as Tourist Destination	389.05
5.	Integrated Development of Tourist Circuit Bhubaneswar-Dhauli-Puri-Konark	720.09
6.	Development of Rural Tourism at Village Khiching, Distt. Mayurbhanj	50.00
7.	Shreekshetra Festival at Puri	15.00
8.	Puri Beach Festival, 2005	4.00
9.	Konark Festival, 2005	3.00
10.	Rajrani Festival, 2005 at Bhubaneswar	3.00
	TOTAL	2309.61

Foreign Tourists in Tamil Nadu

2700. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign tourists visited the State of Tamil Nadu during each of the last three years, the figures for the whole of India along with the percentage;

(b) whether Government propose to launch any special scheme for the development of tourism in the State of Tamil Nadu in view of its vast potential to attract foreign tourists towards its natural/historical/religious places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) A foreign tourist after arriving in India may visit more than one State. As such, data